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SECRETARY

The Hon. Hubert F. Uzee  
Alderman-At-Large  
925 Governor Hall Street  
Gretna, LA 70053

Dear Mr. Uzee:

RE: Westbank Asbestos Site

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To Verna McFarland	From Tammy Gullett		
Co./Dept. EPA Superfund	Co. LDEQ		
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*Example of official letter*

To keep you informed of environmental concerns in your area, I want to give you an update on the Westbank Asbestos site in Jefferson and Orleans parishes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), working with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), recently completed an investigation of the site area. This investigation documented the presence of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) in certain older residential locations in Bridge City, Westwego, Marrero, Harvey, Gretna, and Algiers. To address the potential risk posed by the ACM areas, EPA will remove the material from residential properties and dispose of it at an approved landfill. The removal work is scheduled to begin in October 1996.

I would like to invite you to a community officials briefing to be held by EPA, LDEQ and the Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH). The briefing will be held September 12, 1996, 11:00 a.m. in the second floor city council chambers at Gretna City Hall, Second Street and Huey P. Long Ave. During the briefing, the agencies will give officials information on the investigation findings and the planned removal action activities.

In addition to meeting with officials, EPA, LDEQ and OPH will hold a series of community meetings to inform local residents of upcoming site activities. These meetings will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Westwego, Ames, and William Hart elementary schools in the Westbank area.

As we move forward with cleaning up the Westbank Asbestos site, we will continue to keep you updated. Additionally, we will be glad to give you a personal briefing at your convenience. If you have any questions or need further information, please call LDEQ project managers Debra Bendily at (504) 765-0487, or William Coltrin at (504) 765-0892.

Sincerely,

*J. Dale Givens*  
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